

Instead of turning right, turn left, following the signs for Highway 93A

4 Meeting of the Waters

45 minutes from Sunwapta

About 15 minutes on the Old Highway is where you will find where the Whirlpool and the Athabasca Rivers meet. It's a great stop to realize the power between these two rivers as they come together. There is also a display here for history on the fur traders that would often meet here.

Visiting time: 10 minutes

Turn right and continue North past Wabasso Campground for...

5 Mount Edith Cavell

1.75 hours from Sunwapta

Mount Edith Cavell Road (10 minutes from Meeting of the Waters) winds uphill for 14.5km (9 miles) to the base of Mt. Edith Cavell, named after a heroic nurse from the First World War. Expect a 40 minute drive with switchbacks (no RVs) to the main parking lot. There are two main trails for views of the mountain and Angel Glacier:

1. A main trail taking you to the Cavell Pond that's nestled just below the glacier (10 minutes one-way);
2. Head left when the trail begins to the Cavell Loop - a half a days hike up towards the stunning Cavell Meadows. You don't need to hike the whole thing though! By taking the Cavell Loop trail, you'll find less tourists and amazing views if you want a longer walk

Visiting time: 30 + minutes (depending)

Now, drive back down to Highway 93, and follow signs towards Jasper for 28 km (7.4 mi)...

6 Jasper SkyTram

2.75 hours from Sunwapta

Turn left after Whistler's Campground (45 minutes from Mt. Edith parking lot), which leads to the main parking lot for the Jasper Tramway.



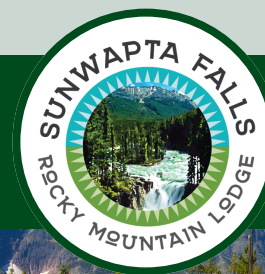
At the top of the mountain, we recommend the 1 km walk that allows sights for miles in all directions, even to the summit of mighty Mt. Robson.

Even a short 15 minute walk up the ridge will afford amazing views than the chalet can offer. Remember, you are also at a high altitude, and it will take longer to catch your breath if you over-exert yourself. The Jasper Tramway a must-see to any Jasper trip.

Visiting time: 1.5 hours

**Total tour time (including return): 6 hours
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53 km South of Jasper

Up for new adventures off of the main highway? The Old Highway (93A) is the original highway before the Parkway was built. This backroad gem offers beautiful lakes, hikes, and forest growths with less traffic.

Before you leave, check with the front desk to make sure everything is open!

To begin, depart from Sunwapta Falls, and turn left (North towards Jasper) for 4km (2.5 miles)

1 Athabasca Viewpoint

3-5 minutes from Sunwapta

This is one of the best overlooks to start off your tour, offering a broad, expansive view of the Athabasca Valley! If you look to the south beyond the 3170m (10,400 ft.) Summit of Mt. Quincey, you can almost see the headwaters of the Athabasca River. A perfect spot to take a stunning panorama shot of the area.

Visiting time: 5 minutes

Turn left and drive for 13 km (8 miles) to...

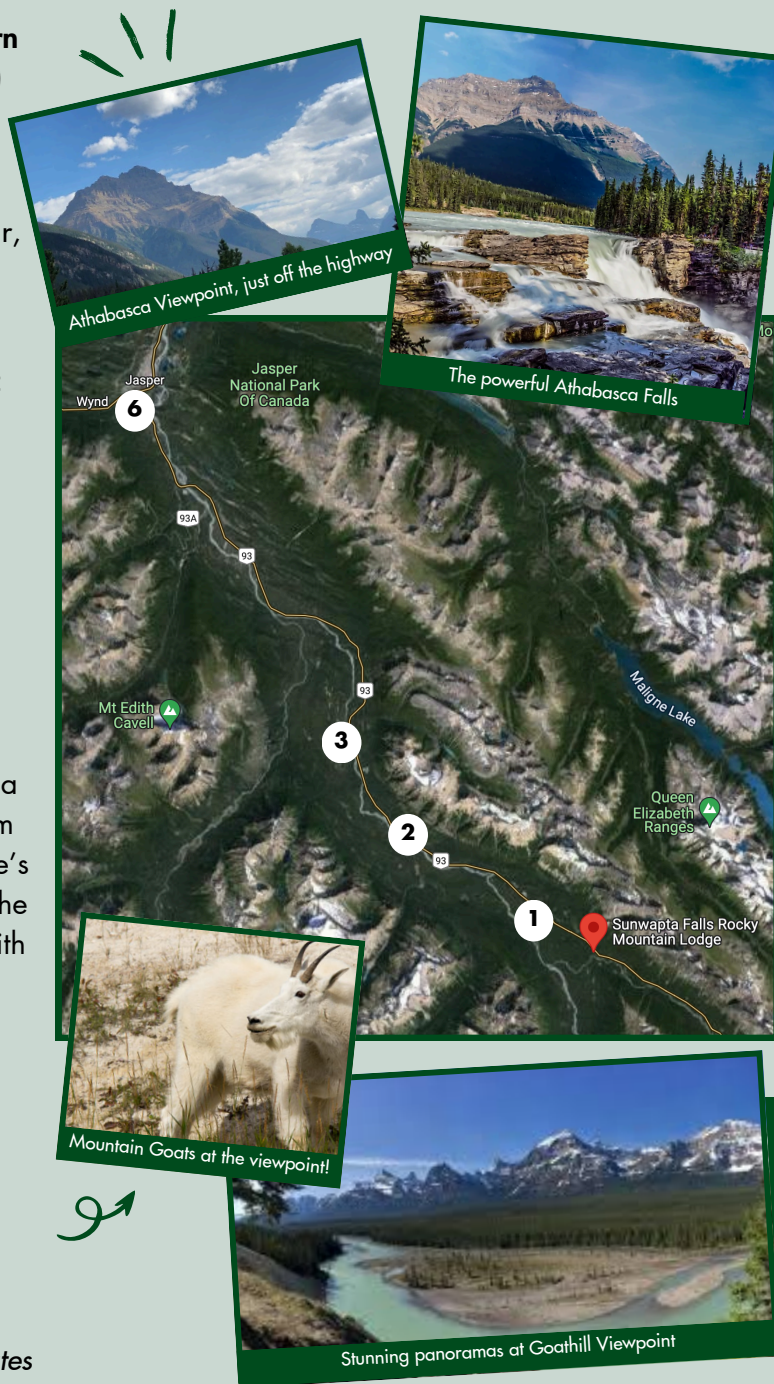
2 Goathill Viewpoint

10 minutes from Sunwapta

5 minutes from Athabasca Viewpoint, the highway will descend alongside the Athabasca River on your left. Light tan, dusty hills will form on your right. This is Goathill Viewpoint! There's a large parking lot as you drive to the top of the hill (do not park on the highway, and cross with caution), where you can park and walk to where Mountain Goats are often enjoying the mineral licks throughout the summer. There is also a great viewpoint at the parking lot to enjoy the summits of Mt. Christie, Mt. Edith Cavell, and the Athabasca River.

Pro Tip: there are often more goats along the river by the parking lot!

Visiting time: 15 minutes



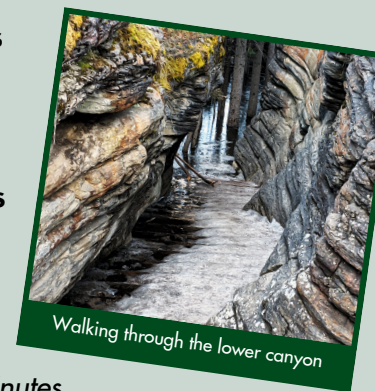
Then, head left (North) for 6.3km (4 miles) for the turn off for both the Old Highway and...

3 Athabasca Falls

20 minutes from Sunwapta

If you're short on time - make the Athabasca Falls a priority to stop at! There's a large parking lot available, and well maintained trails for everyone to experience this natural wonder. At the main falls, enjoy multiple accessible viewpoints close enough to feel the thunder of the water below and the mist from the falls on your face. As you look below, you can also see the beginnings of the incredible canyon this waterfall has carved out over thousands of years.

Pro tip: follow the signs for the lower falls canyon walk, which brings you into the heart of the canyon. It's a short walk, but there are a lot of steps - so be prepared!



Visiting time: 20 minutes

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Let's continue to the Old Highway (93A)

